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BETWEEN YOU AND ME

by Stanley Orris

"CHISLINGS"

V-V-V

We offer for what it is worth a new word for our war vocabulary. We all know that a "quisling" is a person ready, to sell out his country for his own ends. A "chisling" is sort of a half brother to a quisling. He does what he can to hinder his country's war effort, not because he wants to see it lose the war, but just because he wants to save a little money or be a little more comfortable.

V-V-V

The chisling is a despicable sort of fellow because he doesn't work in the open. His misdeeds are known mostly to himself alone. He is very powerful because there is no very effective way of stopping him. His conscience is his only deterrent, and chislings do not have consciences.

V-V-V

A chisling is the fellow who can afford to buy Victory Bonds and doesn't because he can make more interest on his money in other ways. A chisling is the fellow who hoards things like sugar, who buys a lot of extra clothes and things when he hears they are about to be rationed. A chisling is the fellow who if he has a car and a truck, and the truck has a larger gas ration allowance, will put his car away and use his truck for pleasure driving.

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A chisling is always looking for ways to beat the government war regulations. On the surface he may be very respectable and patriotic, but underneath the surface he is a blood brother to the quisling.

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It looks at last as if we are going to have some action on our Champion airport. We understand the surveyors are busy surveying the field for the placement of beacons, and that dirt moving will be commenced within the next few days.

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We note by the papers that the Boards of Trade of several towns in Alberta are taking it upon themselves to see that the people of their districts get out and vote on the coming plebiscite. It would be a good idea if our local board would undertake a similar job here.

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See you next week.

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Appointment of G. H. Ritson-Bennett as district Cadet Officer M.D. 13, with the rank of Captain has been announced.

A veteran of the first Great War, Captain Bennett enlisted in January 1915 with the 12th C.M.R.'s and proceeded to England in October, 1915, as R.S.M. He was commissioned in the rank of Lieutenant in January, 1916, and served in France with the Fort Garry Horse.

After the war he joined the L.S.H. (R.C.) with the rank of Lieutenant, and served in Calgary and Winnipeg until he resigned in 1923.

After the outbreak of the present war Captain Bennett was commissioned with the Veteran Guard of Canada and later that year was appointed orderly officer to the District Officer Commanding.

Vote "Yes" on the Plebiscite

Municipal Council Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Harmony 128, was held on the above date; all members were in attendance and Reeve Griffin presided.

Secretary's monthly report of receipts and expenditures was examined by the council, and same was approved on a motion by Councillor Hagerman.

Henry Balde interviewed the council in respect to a contract on the E. 1/2 1-16-22 W. 4th, it being pointed out that additional summerfallow would have to be prepared in 1942, and after a discussion, Councillor Matlock moved that Mr. Balde be allowed the sum of \$1.50 per acre for any additional summerfallow completed, in the event this property is not rented to Mr. Balde in the year 1943. Carried.

A discussion arose in respect to a proposed sale of the following land, S. W. 1/4 1-16-22 W. 4th, after due consideration, they decided to take no further action at the present time.

Mr. McLean attended to meet the council in respect to his agreement of sale; same was discussed for a time, and this was left in obedience for the time being.

Application for Old Age Pension was received from Arie Versluys and after examination, Councillor Hagerman moved that this be approved. Carried.

The Secretary presented a communication from Rice & Paterson in respect to transfer of Solomon Miller's land, now controlled by the Municipal District of Harmony 128. This was discussed freely, and the secretary was instructed to reply and advise that they are not prepared to have transfer made as requested as this would not be in accordance with the Municipal Act.

Gopher poison was the next order of business, and the Reeve and Secretary were instructed to purchase 100 ounces of strychnine, same to be made available to the ratepayers at cost.

Borrowings for schools and hospitals was the next discussion, and Councillor Matlock moved that the Reeve and Secretary be authorized to borrow from the Canadian Bank of Commerce as follows: for schools \$14,000.00; for hospitals \$3,000.00. The motion carried.

Next order of business was the estimates for 1942; this took up considerable time, and after due discussions Councillor Matlock moved that a rate of 6 1/2 mills be set for municipal purposes. Carried.

Allocations for public works was the next item, and the following was approved for this purpose: Division 1 \$420.97; Division 2 \$365.92; Division 3 \$1,040.65; Division 4 \$80.52; Division 5 \$711.18; Division 6 \$674.80. These were approved on a motion by Councillor Ellis.

As there was no further business to be discussed, Councillor Ellis moved that the meeting adjourn.

Town and District

Mr. F. H. Schooley of Lethbridge, father of Mrs. G. Urquhart, spent the Easter week-end at the home of his daughter.

On the evening of April 4th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Davis, a shower was held in honor of Miss Helen Lawrence, whose marriage will take place on April 9th in Calgary. A number of friends gathered to wish the bride-elect much happiness.

Games were played by all and then the bride-to-be was presented with a gift-laden carriage, drawn by a rope and guided by little four-year-old Raema Lee Burke. After the gifts were opened, Miss Lawrence thanked her friends in a few well chosen words. A lovely lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Carlson were Calgary visitors Tuesday.

Don Swanson, of the local High School staff, is attending the Teacher's Convention in Calgary this week as a delegate of the A.T.A. local.

Many Champion residents were visitors to the hockey game in Lethbridge Saturday evening.

Mrs. Roy Taylor and family were Calgary visitors for a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Henderson were week-end visitors at the home of Mrs. Henderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cook of Gleichen. They drove back on Sunday evening in the dust storm and Doug says he now understands how the drivers in the tanks in Libya feel in a sand storm.

Miss Rita Cemelini is spending a week's holiday at her home in Champion.

Mrs. H. T. Lamont and Clark were Sunday visitors to Vulcan.

Miss Edna Orr is spending the Easter week holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Orr.

Mrs. M. E. Jopling and Miss Ruth Jopling were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jopling during the Easter holidays.

The Hon. Peter Dawson, Mrs. Dawson and family have returned to their home in Champion, following the closing of the session of the Alberta legislature.

Mrs. Andrew Anderson and daughter Marilyn were guests at the home of Mrs. Anderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Campbell this week.

Miss Alice Taylor is spending the Easter holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Taylor.

Mr. A. Chaproniere, of Calgary, spent the week-end in Champion.

Mr. and Mrs. James Walker were week-end visitors to Champion.

Members of the Board of Trade whose names were omitted from the list published last week are Messrs. J. A. Mark and Paul Fredricks.

Miss Dorothy James of Lethbridge is a visitor at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Stout.

Mrs. G. J. Dawson has returned to Champion after spending a vacation at Olds.

Don Campbell of Calgary spent the Easter week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Campbell.

Miss Marie Matlock is a Calgary visitor for the Easter holiday week.

Miss Gladys Anderson left Wednesday by Greyhound for Calgary to spend the balance of the Easter holidays.

Miss Evelyn Kramer left Wednesday to spend a few days in Calgary.

Miss Barbara Hagel was a week-end visitor to her home at Beiseker.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Davis were Calgary visitors last week.

Miss Phyllis Chamberlain was home from Lomond for the Easter week-end. Mrs. Chamberlain and Phyllis spent Saturday in Lethbridge.

Robert Clarke of Travers spent Monday at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. Odlund. Mr. Clark has left for Calgary to join the R.C.A.F.

On Monday evening the Ladies' Aid held a surprise party in honor of Miss M. Carlson at her home. Miss Carlson was presented with a gift from the ladies by Mrs. J. T. Stephenson. Miss Carlson is giving up residence in Champion shortly.

Dorothy Ditto returned to duty Monday in Calgary after spending the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irl Ditto.

Mr. and Mrs. Obishone were hosts Sunday to Mrs. Corrie Versluys and family and Mr. Harry Higgins.

In last week's issue we mentioned that Mr. D. D. Harper was a visitor in Champion. This should, of course, have been Mr. D. D. Hummon.

Mrs. Wm. Diemert and Betty, of Calgary, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Diemert.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Diemert and family of Kimberley were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Diemert over the week-end. Miss Ethel Diemert returned to Champion with them and will remain here. Mrs. Andrew Diemert journeyed back to Kimberley, where she will visit for a while.

Marjorie Ditto has returned to Calgary to take further treatments on her knee.

Mrs. Ken Bloxham of Lomond is a guest of her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Taylor, for the Easter holidays.

LAC Geo. Weiss of Macleod station R.C.A.F., spent last Wednesday and Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Orris.

Bob Boyd of Carmangay was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor over the week-end.

AC2 Jack Chaproniere, R. C. A. F., Edmonton, spent Easter week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Chaproniere.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chollak, of Lomond, spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. Chollak's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Starr of Brownings, Montana, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Fisher.

Mrs. Miffilin Sisson was a Calgary visitor, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Collison of Ensign were week-end guests of Mrs. Collison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Larkins.

Miss Dorothy Hummell was a week-end visitor to Bow Island.

Miss Maxine Ditto is spending the balance of the Easter holidays in Calgary.

Miss Lauretta Clever has accepted a position in Calgary.

CANDID COMMENT

V-V-V

The thing that should be uppermost in the minds of everyone during the next three weeks should be the plebiscite. Irrespective of what we think of the government for holding the plebiscite, the going right ahead and voting right into effect, it is our duty to appear at the voting places and cast our ballot.

V-V-V

The pros and cons of the question have been fully discussed over the radio and in the daily newspapers and the weekly newspapers. The different political parties have all now accepted the plebiscite as a matter of fact and are working vigorously to see that a "yes" vote is achieved in the balloting.

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There are some people who have made up their mind that they will abstain from voting, taking the stand that the plebiscite is a disgraceful thing and that they will not insult any of our boys in uniform by going to a poll and saying whether or not we will back them up. Their stand is commendable in one way, but they will be making a tragic error of judgment if they do not vote. It is usually the people who have the right to vote on a question and do not vote who determine the result.

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In this particular instance there will no doubt be a considerable "no" vote for various reasons, some sincere on the part of the voters, and some selfish. But there is no doubt that the great majority of people in Canada wish an all-out war effort, and the people who have threatened to abstain from voting are all in this category. Therefore every one who does not vote at all is in reality casting a vote for the "noes."

V-V-V

What would be the result if the plebiscite were defeated? There would of course be a great deal of confusion. Other political parties would no doubt call for the government to resign. But we do not think the government would do this. It would either go ahead and put conscription through on its own or it might form or attempt to form a national government and put through a conscription law. In any event we believe that conscription would go into effect. But on the other hand if we think for a moment what the results of a "no" vote would mean to the unity of the country, to the maintenance of our war effort and to our national pride, we should become very alarmed and frightened.

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A "no" vote would certainly lead to political confusion and bickering at a time when such would be disastrous. It would certainly tend to slow up our war effort in manufacturing and supplies. Above all it would make us ashamed of ourselves as a nation. The eyes of the world would be turned upon us in question. We would become the least of the democracies.

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NIELSON-MOORE

The marriage is announced of Corp. Ray Victor Nielson, formerly of Carmangay, now with the R. C. A. F. somewhere in England, to Miss Nellie May Moore of Leeds, England, on February 20, 1942, at London.

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THE WEATHER

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The populace of Champion spent the Easter Monday holiday digging itself out from the worst dust storm to come this way in many a long day. Old-timers of the district state that this was one of the worst storms in memory. Sunday was bright and clear with real warmth in the air until about four o'clock in the afternoon when the dust clouds rolled up. A wind of great velocity carried with it tons of dust and dirt. The blow lasted for about three hours and then turned into a minor blizzard.

Many farmers had planned on seeding on Monday but the storm put an end to this for a day or two. There has been no rain so far this season.

Champion Theatre

Friday, April 17

DOUBLE FEATURE PROGRAM

Secrets of the Wasteland

Bill Boyd and Andy Clyde

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Susan Foster and Jackie Cooper

Selected Short Subjects

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Thursday, April 9, 1942

MORE BARLEY NEEDED IN 1942

To fill the British quota Canada
must produce and ship, in the form of
bacon, some 5,250,000 hogs. In addi-
tion, Canada needs about 2,000,000
hogs for home consumption; in all,
this country must produce some 7-
250,000 hogs.

The National Barley and Linseed
Flax Committee estimate that it will
require about 145,000,000 bushels of

barley to feed these hogs; about an-
other 18,000,000 bushels to supply the
maltsters and millers, and provide
seed for the farmers; in all, Canada
should produce about 160,000,000 to
165,000,000 bushels. Eastern Canada
produces about 20,000,000 to 25,000,000
bushels. This leaves about 140,000,000
bushels to be produced in Western
Canada. Last year this area produced
about 100,000,000 bushels. To increase
this to 140,000,000 bushels means that
2,000,000 acres more must be planted
to barley in 1942. This, with the
amount required for export, and a re-
serve supply, will require over 2,500-
000 acres increase.

This means a definite switch from
wheat to barley. To insure that the
farmer will not lose by this change,
the government has guaranteed a
price of 60 cents a bushel, basis No. 2
C.W. Six-row in store Fort William,
and a \$2.00 per acre bonus. If fed to
hogs it is estimated that the barley
will be much more profitable; about
72 cents per bushel, plus the \$2.00 per
acre bonus.

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but profitable to increase the barley
acreage. Each farmer should attempt
to about double the acreage.—National
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Lindstedt-Elves

Candlelight, spring flowers and
furns formed the setting Thursday
evening April 2nd, at Cayley United
Church, for the wedding of Miss Mil-
dred Elves, only daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. S. E. Elves of Cayley, to Mr.
Sidney Lindstedt, youngest son of
Mr. A. C. Lindstedt of Stavely. Rev.
H. J. Bevan officiated.

The Girls' Junior Choir led the
bridal party to the altar softly chant-
ing the Processional. Mrs. W. Sloane,
accompanied by Gordon McConkey
on the violin, played the wedding
music and the Senior Choir sang "Oh
Perfect Love" during the signing of
the register.

Given in marriage by her father,
the bride made a lovely picture in
white silk jersey, veiled in white tulle.
It was fashioned with a square neck
line, new low waistline, long shirred
sleeves with points and a panelled
front bordered by shirring. The cir-
cular skirt, with train, showed a
marked fullness. Her full-length veil
was held with a halo of orange blos-
soms. Her only ornament was a
string of pearls, the gift of the groom,
and she carried a sheaf of Calla lilies.

She was attended by her cousins,
Miss Margaret Elves as maid-of-
honor, and Miss Helen McConkey as
bridesmaid. Their gowns were of
violet and maize jersey, with square
necklines, and bishop's sleeves. The
floor-length skirts were full with
quilted girdles. Their bandeaus were
caught with maize and violet pansies
and they carried bouquets of yellow
and white carnations, daffodils, and
mauve stocks.

Mr. Harvey Bert of High River was
best man. Ushers were Kenneth Elves
and Gordon Phillips. The guest pews
were marked with yellow carnations,
spring flowers and mauve tulle bows.
A reception for sixty guests was
held at the home of the bride's par-
ents, when the mother of the bride
received, wearing a floor-length gown
of black crepe, with three-quarter
sleeves trimmed in rhinestones, with
accessories in a dusty pink. Her cor-
sage was Talisman roses. She was
assisted by Mrs. H. E. Goodwin, sister
of the groom, who wore a navy sheer
gown, with a corsage of yellow roses.
The table was centred with a three
tiered wedding cake flanked with yel-
low roses, and the rooms were taste-
fully decorated with spring flowers.
The bride's aunts, Mrs. F. A. Elves
of Calgary and Mrs. J. S. Elves of
Cayley, poured.

For going away the bride wore a
horizon blue dressmaker suit, over a
pale pink blouse, and her accessories
were of brown. She wore a corsage
of pink roses.

After a honeymoon to be spent at
coastal points, Mr. and Mrs. Lind-
stedt will take up residence in Cham-
pion, where the groom is principal of
the Champion High School.

Crop Production Programme for the PRAIRIE PROVINCES, 1942

Canada's War Requirements Call for:

A production of wheat limited to what can be sold in the domestic and
export markets during the crop year 1942-43.

An unlimited production of coarse grains for live stock feeding to pro-
duce . . . the Animal Products and Fats needed in the Domestic Market.
. . . The Bacon, Dairy Products and Eggs Wanted by Britain.

A greatly increased production of Flaxseed to meet Vegetable Oil
Needs of Canada and the United States in view of War Developments.

GRAIN MARKETING POLICY

WHEAT—Deliveries to remain limited; Price to be
increased.

Authorized deliveries: 280 million bu. from West-
ern Canada as compared with 230 million bu. au-
thorized from all Canada last year. This 280 mil-
lion bu. is believed all that can be marketed in the
1942-43 crop year; and the expected carryover of
400 million bu. at July 31, 1942, will constitute an
adequate war reserve. Individual deliveries will
again be determined on a quota basis.

Price: The initial price for deliveries in 1942-43
under authorized quotas will be 90 cents per bu.,
basis No. 1 Northern in store Fort William/Port
Arthur or Vancouver. This 20 cents price increase
plus higher authorized deliveries considerably en-
hances the wheat outlook for 1942-43 as compared
with that of 1941-42. (Note: Higher delivery price
of wheat not to affect the price of bread in Can-
ada.)

COARSE GRAINS—Unlimited production.

Acreage bonuses: See adjoining column.

Price Floors: To safeguard the position of farmers
who increase their production of barley and oats;
(a) A minimum price is established for barley at
60 cents basis No. 2 C. W. 6-Row in store Fort
William/Port Arthur.

(b) A minimum price is established for oats at 45
cents basis No. 2 C.W. in store Fort William/
Port Arthur.

In connection with barley and oat prices, the Can-
adian Wheat Board is empowered to carry out
the policy.

FLAXSEED—Unlimited production.

Price: A fixed price is established for flaxseed
at \$2.25 basis No. 1 C. W. in store Fort William/
Port Arthur. Canadian Wheat Board empowered to
purchase and handle all flaxseed delivered by
producers in Canada during the crop year 1942-43.

WHEAT-ACREAGE REDUCTION POLICY

LIMITED WHEAT ACREAGE

Since but 280 million bu. wheat can be delivered
in the 1942-43 crop year, regardless of how good
the crop may be, only about 20 or 21 million acres
should be sown to wheat in 1942 or about what was
sown in 1941.

PAYMENTS FOR ACREAGE DIVERSION

It is contemplated that \$2 per acre will be paid on
land taken out of wheat and either summer-
fallow or seeded to barley, oats, flax, rye, peas,
corn, clover, grasses, or millet. These payments are
designed to assist farmers who co-operate in the
wheat-acreage reduction programme and to en-
courage the production of coarse grains and other
live stock feeds.

The above payments are to be based on the num-
ber of acres by which the farmer reduces his wheat
acreage in 1942 as compared with the basic acreage
in 1940. To obtain the payments the farmer must
sow to coarse grains or grasses, or must summer-
fallow, areas in excess of the basic 1940 acreages
sown to these crops or left in summer-fallow.

The crop production programme in western Canada
is intended, to provide maximum quantities of
agricultural products most vital to war needs and
at the same time ensure a balance in production
plans that will permit successful farm practice in
the Prairie Provinces.

P.F.A.A. AMENDMENT

It is proposed to amend the Prairie Farm Assist-
ance Act by removing the price restriction of
eighty cents per bushel in the determination of an
emergency year under the Act.

War Requirements Call for More Hogs, More Milk, More Beef,
More Wool, More Eggs, More Fats and Oils in 1942

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Although the government's much wider enforcement of the National Resources Mobilization Act means to the average Canadian throughout the country that everybody, within certain age and physical limits, will be merely assigned to certain categories of balanced service in the armed forces, in various other war undertakings, or otherwise in activities approved by the authorities, yet an experienced observer must report at this time that behind the scenes along Parliament Hill it is held that what the government has done so far in this direction is really only a start in carrying out any plan of total mobilization, particularly since under the present scheme of national selective service about three-quarters of the population will be left precisely for some time where they are now. Indeed, the new mobilization orders, the numerous regulations to control commerce, industry, and the relations between capital and labor, the rationing

of certain materials, and the restrictions of luxurious living have caused great changes in the life of the average Canadian, but what is sure to follow now will affect much more every family in this country, involving revolutionary changes in the way of life such as have never been witnessed before in the entire history of Canada.

It has been no secret for a long time on Parliament Hill that there was no full satisfaction in this important matter of man-power and woman-power organization, including inadequate plans for training, faulty distribution of services, wrong ideas about rehabilitation of persons in bad health, and no definite remedy for the shortage of farm labor in practically every part of the country. But as this nation moved closer and closer to the front lines of the war, it became obvious that objective selective service was necessary. Therefore, for many weeks it was an open secret in the nation's capital that a "man-power" sub-committee of the cabinet, consisting of Hon. J. T. Thorson, Hon. C. W. G. Gibson and Hon. Louis St. Laurent, was studying carefully this serious problem, though it was known that the Labor Department, under the new minister, Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, would be an important part of the machinery.

The average Canadian must realize that there are actually eight objectives in the idea behind the priority of use of man-power and woman-power. First, there is a desire to mobilize gradually all possible human resources. Second, it is aimed gradually to replace men with women where this is possible. Third, there must be a balance between supply and demand of labor. Fourth, essential peacetime services must be maintained. Fifth, full provision must be made against any possible enemy invasion. Sixth, armed forces must be created for overseas service. Seventh, war industries must obtain all necessary labor requirements. Eighth, food must be supplied to this nation as well as her Allies, and the farmers' labor problem must be solved without much delay.

While the government's much wider mobilization plan involves delicate issues in several directions, yet essentially and immediately there is no doubt that the farmers' labor problem may prove to be the most serious of all, especially because some now or other the average Canadian, more so in urban centers, has failed utterly to realize that objective selective service in this war must be planned for production of food upon which many as much emphasis is placed as on the armed forces. In other words, it must be recognized by the average Canadian, and it must be done quickly, that, under present circumstances, a small nation like Canada with a population of about 11,000,000 and a tremendously big coast line of thousands of miles to defend, together with the gigantic war obligations to feed herself as well as her Allies, cannot wait upon those who are ignorant of this problem, theorize,



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speculate, or fool with red tape. Objective selective service is something new in Canada, but this is not so in the United States where already it is planned to mobilize sixty-nine million people or about half of the population, comprising ten million for the armed forces, twenty-four million in defense industries, ten million in civilian defense, five million in transportation, and twenty million in farming enterprises. In fact, the operation of the selective service system in that country in regard to the farmers' labor problem provides an important experience for Canada's guidance since it is beginning to appear as if the appeal to the farmers to raise more food than ever this year and the certainty of good prices will not necessarily cause a record production on account of the serious labor problem, with the farmers claiming that the trouble can be traced to the faulty operation of the selective service system.

In actual practice, it has been discovered that deferment of essential

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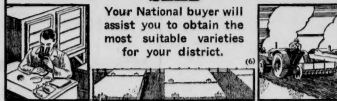
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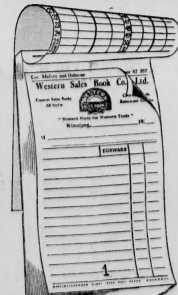
farm help as a matter of right has not worked out well, being dependent upon the caprice of the local boards, and on the other hand, it is claimed that industry, not conscripted, is chiefly responsible for the discontentment and faulty operation of the selective service law. It is estimated that 85 per cent of those leaving agricultural employment have entered industry and only 15 per cent have been taken into the armed forces. Higher wages are the inducements. Furthermore, an increase in farm wages, bringing them up to the level paid the unskilled worker in industry, might remove the discontentment or change the trend of labor movement, though at present it is impossible for farmers to meet the industrial scales. A comparison of farm wage rates with the average hourly pay scale of the unskilled worker in industry indicates clearly that the factory hand could enjoy the daily farm wage by working only two to five hours.

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